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Editor:
The Humboldt medical system may be coming apart at the seams (“A Critical Decision,” Jan. 18) but thanks to Jennifer Fumiko Cahill’s “Is Zopissa Right For You,” we can all die laughing.
Gordon Inkeles, Bayside

‘Obvious Consequences’

Editor:
Increasing productivity is the catch phrase that all employees nowadays hear at Providence/Saint Joseph Hospital. This has been the model for many years. Unfortunately it has taken away from patient care, satisfaction and safety. Many of the departments that used to be local have either moved down to Southern California, or north to Oregon and Washington. Some of these changes affect not only the employees but also the Humboldt County community. Most recently, a decision was made to close all of the outpatient lab processing run by Providence and contract processing out to LabCorp like they have throughout the rest of the Providence/Saint Joseph health care system (“A Criti-

cal Decision,” Jan. 18). This is bad idea for a variety of reasons. LabCorp’s purchase of the 23rd Street lab will result in most specimens being sent to the Bay Area. This leads to time lost in testing and getting results. This can be terrible for lab tests that require quick turnaround, such as with oncology care. LabCorp’s history of losing specimens (refer to recent article in the *Lost Coast Outpost*) has all sorts of obvious consequences.
Other clinics have counted on SJH for timely accurate labs, and this will be lost if LabCorp does not have processing in the area. Humboldt County has long suffered from its remoteness. Local out-patient lab processing would go a long way toward sustaining the original mission of Providence/Saint Joseph Hospital to serve our local community.

Nina Greenberg, Eureka

‘Missing’

Editor:
A health-related topic that’s important to Humboldt County was missing from the Jan. 18 “Health and Wellness” issue.
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We are Karen & Tommy Hessler, owners of Amaranth Farms. We’re asking you to vote No on Measure A to protect small family farms like ours.

Measure A is a flawed and destructive ballot measure that would break Humboldt County’s existing cannabis land use ordinances. It would undermine the environment, hard-won public safety protections, and the economy.

That’s why the Humboldt Democratic, Republican, and Green parties, the Sheriff, cannabis and food farmers, small businesses, environmentalists, Chambers of Commerce, Arcata City Council, and current and former elected officials across Humboldt County are united in opposing Measure A.

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boldt as being among the top counties in the country for use of wood heating. This is, without a doubt, creating a serious public health problem here, but it goes unrecognized.

A large, and growing, body of research makes it clear that this widespread reliance on wood stoves contributes to our concerning health statistics. The fine particles and toxins emitted by wood stoves have been linked to a wide variety of serious health outcomes.

Awareness here — not just in Humboldt, but nationwide — is still low, but it's growing elsewhere. For example, the cover of the Jan. 15 issue of the *Medical Journal of Australia* states, "Wood heaters and health: Cozy but pernicious." This accompanies a peer-reviewed study inside that recommends a phaseout of wood stoves in Australia based on their link to premature deaths.

It's a difficult topic to talk about here. But when we discuss our county's public health challenges, we need to include wood burning.

There's information about the MJA study on the website of Doctors and Scientists Against Wood Smoke Pollution: dsawsp.org/resources/blog.

Ellen Golla, Trinidad

Vote!

Editor:

Mike Wilson is a diligent public servant for Humboldt County, working to improve daily life for the whole community and preserving our natural resources. Mike has been a leader in protecting Humboldt Bay. He didn't shy away from taking bold action to prevent impending environmental disaster at the former Samoa Pulp Mill, which has now become an economic engine for the community. He has also been a consistent voice for the most vulnerable citizens while balancing the need for economic development. As an avid cyclist, I particularly

value Mike's advocacy for Humboldt's trail network and safer roads. I also appreciate his openness to his constituents and discussion on important issues. Mike Wilson has the experience and drive to help move Humboldt toward productive and sustainable growth, which will have cascading benefits for our region. Please join me in re-electing Mike Wilson as our Third District Supervisor.

Stephen Kullmann, Blue Lake

Editor:

I'm voting for Measure A, the Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative. I support environmentally responsible cannabis cultivation in our county that ensures a healthier ecosystem for all wildlife and humans.

Humboldt County has a long history of extracting resources, such as gold, timber and water, that has damaged our ecosystem. We are beginning to learn the importance of being in balance with nature, to be regenerative; instead of just taking from the environment for our own benefit.

I am in favor of transitioning back to our original small-scale cannabis grows, where farmers have a personal relationship with the land and its inhabitants. I think we must halt the expansion of industrial mega grows, especially those that are absentee-owned. Therefore, I support caps on total acreage and future permits for cannabis grows.

Thank you for joining me in voting yes on Measure A.

Kate McClain, McKinleyville

Editor:

Please vote yes on Measure A.

When our county drafted its cannabis ordinance for legal cultivation, they didn't follow the model of the prior 40 years. The earlier successful model was small, live-in cultivation sites, mostly organic and water wise. The growers' crops were highly desirable, making a name for Humboldt product. This kept the demand high and the price as well.

The county's ordinance, though a good start, failed to consider many issues raised by the residents. It allowed very large grows by people who had no relationship with the watersheds or the old roads. Consequently, the growers aren't making the kind of profit they would like and the neighbors don't like the drying creek beds, the increased traffic and noise and the dangers to our beloved wildlife.

Vote yes on Measure A. The majority of us want sane and safe cannabis cultivation.

Meighan O'Brien, McKinleyville

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Editor:

Vote yes on Measure A. Measure A addresses large-scale cannabis cultivation to curb its impact on our lands, waters, wildlife and residents.

Measure A does not increase taxes. It would support small-scale, high-quality cannabis cultivation by our local growers.

Measure A would reduce impacts of cannabis growing on water by prohibiting reliance on streams. Enough water must be stored for cultivation needs or the crop size must be reduced.

I believe we all want a clean, healthy environment and Measure A would help ensure this.

Voting against this sensible and important measure would be like giving our lands and waters away to the highest bidder and getting nothing in return. Let's take care of our county, our people, our streams, rivers, forests and wildlife by voting yes on Measure A.

Julie Jonte,
McKinleyville

Editor:

Just as it was inappropriate for land speculators to make major decisions for the planning department, so is it wrong for supervisors with ties to mega grows to decide how the marijuana industry is regulated. Measure A will let the Humboldt community at large decide what's best for our struggling economy, our water resources and our rural quality of life. Vote yes on Measure A.

Howard Russell, Eureka

Write a Letter!

Please make your letter no more than 300 words and include your full name, place of residence and phone number

Hiking the New Year

Not bothering with resolutions, I celebrate the New Year by hiking. I start

with the hills in the park nearby, legs burning from doing nothing all fall, all year. Days later

I hike out to Headwaters, find myself soaked in sweat and struggling to catch my breath

trudging up the two-mile hill above three-mile bridge. Yesterday, I hiked out to Fern Canyon, almost

nine miles out and back under a damp gray sky. I walked utterly alone, only a chickadee

to shape the emptiness with its song. She reminded me of the girls in my high school choir, the ones who seemed

almost invisible with their plain faces, their dowdy clothes, until they began to sing—and you would suddenly discover

you knew nothing about them: those living miracles. Until then, at most you saw was your own reflection

on the surface of the waters. I don't know where a single one of them lives now, or what they do, or who loves them,

but walking into the mist gradually dissolving into rain, I hope they are all still singing—in the shower, at a coffee shop,

in the golden harmonies of another choir. Opening their mouths and making everything ordinary blossom so as to awaken us all

to what we so blindly missed, resting on the foolish assumption we already understood the universe and our pale place within it.

— David Holper

(we won't print your number). Send it to letters@northcoastjournal.com. The deadline to have a letter considered for the upcoming edition is 10 a.m. Monday.

Write an Election Letter!

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NCJ NEWS

Questions Swirl Around Jacobs Property Swap

Security National ballot measure attorney signed deal on mystery developer's behalf

By Thadeus Greenson

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In the weeks since Eureka City Schools decided to break off negotiations with the California Highway Patrol and enter into an agreement with a mystery developer to trade 8.2 acres of its old Jacobs Middle School campus for a small home on I Street and \$5.35 million in cash, several of the entities with a vested interest in the site have pleaded ignorance as to who is behind the transaction.

Gail Rymer, a spokesperson for both Citizens for a Better Eureka and the Eureka Housing for All Initiative, both of which aim to block Eureka's years-long plans to convert city-owned parking lots into multi-family housing developments,

with the initiative also seeking to rezone the Jacobs property, has repeatedly told the *Journal* the entities are uninvolved with the transaction. The same is the case for Security National, the company owned by local businessman Robin P. Arkley II, which has bankrolled both Citizens for a Better Eureka's lawsuits against the city and the initiative effort.

"No one from Security National, the Housing for All Initiative or Citizens for a Better Eureka have any involvement in the Jacobs Property swap," she told the *Journal* on Dec. 15, a day after Eureka City Schools voted unanimously to enter into the deal with developer AMG Communi-

ties — Jacobs, LLC, which filed articles of organization with the California Secretary of State's Office just two days before the school board's vote.

A couple of weeks later, Arkley himself appeared on the local radio show *Talk Shop* and told host Brian Papstein he was uninvolved with the transaction.

"I know nothing and I'm pretty darn happy with that knowledge base," Arkley said.

A new website — thejacobscommunity.com — which Eureka City Schools representatives have indicated was created by AMG Communities — Jacobs, LLC, even actively distances the transaction from Arkley. Included in a list of "Frequently Asked

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Questions” on the site is: “Is Rob Arkley an owner or investor in AMG Communities? — to which the site states he is not.

However, a copy of the executed property exchange agreement released to the *Journal* on Jan. 23 from Eureka City Schools is signed by attorney Brad Johnson on behalf of the LLC, the same attorney who has filed the aforementioned lawsuits against the city and acted as legal counsel for the initiative.

Johnson responded to a message left at his law office by the *Journal* through an assistant, who emailed a statement from an email address affiliated with the jacob-community.com account, saying Johnson is bound by professional rules of conduct to keep his clients’ identities confidential unless they choose otherwise or their identities are in a public document.

“With this in mind, I have been authorized to disclose that AMG Communities — Jacobs, LLC, is not owned or managed by the proponents of the Housing for All and Downtown Vitality Initiative or by Security National,” Johnson said in the statement, adding that the LLC is working toward the “best plans, with community input,” for redevelopment of the site.

In response to follow up questions, Johnson declined to state whether he disclosed to Security National, Citizens for a Better Eureka or Housing for All that he was also working on behalf of the LLC seeking to purchase the Jacobs site. In response to a request to interview the principles at the LLC, Johnson said the new entity is “focused on closing escrow and listening to the community’s ideas for the redevelopment.”

Meanwhile, multiple messages left for Thomas Swett, a Sacramento attorney who filed the articles of organization for AMG Communities — Jacobs, LLC, and has acted as its agent in negotiations with Eureka City Schools, have gone unreturned, as has an interview request emailed to an address listed on the LLC’s new website. Rymer, meanwhile, told the *Journal* her understanding is that Johnson “has multiple clients in Humboldt County” but that Citizens for a Better Eureka, the ballot initiative proponents and Security National “are not involved with Brad or his client or clients on the Jacobs property.

The revelation is the latest twist in both the decades-old saga of the Jacobs campus and seemingly Arkley’s multi-pronged efforts to block Eureka’s plans to develop multi-family housing projects on a host of parking lots in its downtown and Old Town areas.

Built in 1956, Jacobs Middle School closed in 1982 and the site then served as a continuation high school until shuttering

completely in 2009. The district officially deemed the site “surplus property” in 2019 and has been working to sell it since, razing its old dilapidated school buildings in 2021. The city of Eureka sought to purchase the property — reportedly officially offering \$2.8 million for it — before abandoning the efforts after being informed the district would not accept less than \$4 million, which City Manager Miles Slattery said was well above the property’s appraised value.

The California Highway Patrol then entered the fray and had been negotiating with the district for months, looking to relocate its Northern Humboldt headquarters to the site. Those negotiations — which appeared on the district board’s closed session agenda seven times in 2023 — progressed to the point that CHP held a community meeting to gauge neighborhood support for its plan. According to the district, CHP had offered \$4 million for the site.

Then, seemingly out of nowhere, the district released an agenda for its Dec. 14 board meeting that included a closed session item to discuss “price and/or terms of payment” for the Allard Avenue site that listed negotiating parties as CHP and AMG Communities — Jacobs, LLC. Hours later, the board had approved the agreement to “exchange” the Jacobs site for a residential property at 3553 I St. — which includes two housing units and was dubiously valued at \$650,000, while the real estate website Zillow estimates it to be worth \$370,900 and its county assessed value is listed as \$271,327 — and \$5.35 million in cash.

The deal — and the way it was rushed to approval with minimal public discussion, review or input — immediately raised a host of questions, including the identity of this mystery developer and their plans for the property, which has been a focal point of the Housing for All initiative, which aims to block Eureka’s parking lot plans, ostensibly replacing the housing they would create through the rezoning of the Jacobs site from public to one that would allow residential development

The new website’s FAQ section opaquely addresses some of these.

“Who is AMG Communities?” it asks.

“AMG Communities is backed by a small investment firm that holds interest in real estate and businesses,” the site states. “The investment firm creates single-purpose entities for all its investments for tax, liability and transferability reasons.”

But the site does not identify the “small investment firm” or list any of its properties. It’s also worth noting that while there are a host of real estate development companies with AMG in their titles, it’s unclear

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if this LLC is affiliated with any of them. A prominent one — AMG Land Development, which boasts having built more than 5,000 housing units in Alaska and California, with another 10,000 in planning or construction — told the *Journal* it is not affiliated with AMG Communities — Jacobs, LLC., while others did not immediately respond to *Journal* inquiries.

It's unclear whether Eureka City Schools negotiated — or even communicated — with any of the LLC's principles or just Swett. Asked who the district has been working with specifically on the land exchange deal, new district Superintendent Gary Storts said the district's attorney has been working with the LLC's legal counsel. Storts did not respond to a follow-up question inquiring whether that had been the district's sole point of contact with the mystery developer throughout the process. He similarly did not respond to questions asking whether the district had seen some documentation indicating Johnson or Swett were authorized to enter into an agreement on the LLC's behalf.

It's perhaps worth noting here that Johnson and Swett appear to have some history together, as Swett worked at a law firm Johnson co-founded — Harrison, Temblador, Hungerford & Johnson LLP — for nine months in 2015.

The website's FAQ also states that “no firm plans have been developed yet” for the Jacobs site, which would be atypical for an acquisition of this size. Typically, a developer paying \$6 million for a property — particularly when the offer is apparently well above market rate and the site's appraised value — would have plans for the acquisition, making sure they would pencil out financially as a part of due diligence. It would also be typical for a developer seeking to acquire such a large vacant site to reach out to city government about possible zoning changes, infrastructure improvements and possible permitting issues, but Slattery said no such communications have taken place with anyone from AMG Communities, LLC.

“There's been none,” Slattery said, adding that's atypical for prospective buyers in general. “In my experience, prior to a transaction happening, that [communication] always happens — especially for a vacant property.”

The agreement between Eureka City Schools and AMG Communities, LLC, also appears atypical for other reasons.

First, one of the properties at the heart of the land exchange — 3553 I St. — remains in escrow from a separate transaction, with its prospective buyer apparently having then agreed to swap it for the Jacobs site. (Scott Pesch, the real estate agent representing the buyer, declined to offer a timeline for closing that trans-

action, disclose the buyer's identity or the terms of the deal when contacted by the *Journal*.) Then, the agreement specifies a 14-day “feasibility” period in which both parties can conduct property inspections and terminate the deal. This period has obviously long since passed, but Storts, who took over for former Superintendent Fred Van Vleck days after the December board meeting, said the district and the LLC are “working on an extension to the 14-day review period.” In response to follow-up questions, Storts said the district did not have a closing timeline to finalize the deal.

The agreement also seemingly does not require a down payment from the LLC for the \$6 million deal, which experts say is atypical, and instead simply requires both parties to pay a non-refundable “independent consideration” to the other, with the district paying the LLC \$100 and the LLC paying the district \$1,000. Notably, the agreement also provides that either party can back out of escrow if they determine “all conditions” set forth in the agreement cannot be met, with the terminating party paying any cancellation charges.

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The deal and recent revelations raise a host of questions: Who is the mystery developer behind the deal? Why would they agree to pay \$2 million more than any existing offer for a property they seemingly had done little due diligence on? Why is Johnson, the attorney representing Security Nation's housing initiative and suing the city on its behalf, a signatory to the agreement while the parties he represents insist they are uninvolved?

As the *Journal* went to press Jan. 23, the city of Eureka was set to host a community meeting to discuss possible zoning changes to the property, but it seemed unlikely attendees would get answers to these questions. Slattery said he reached out to Swett with an invitation for someone from AMG to attend the meeting to discuss the LLC's plans for the property. According to Slattery, Swett said he is “not a partner or a principle in the LLC — he's just an agent for process” but that he would forward Slattery's inquiry on “to his contacts.” Slattery said he received no further response.

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Earth Flag Case Under Submission

The future of the Earth flag's spot on city-owned flagpoles in Arcata is now in the hands of a Humboldt County Superior Court judge.

After hearing brief final arguments Jan. 19, Judge Timothy Canning said he would take the matter under submission before rendering a ruling based on those comments and a series of briefs submitted by both sides of the case raising unprecedented legal and constitutional questions.

Canning noted he had 90 days to issue his decision but would "try to get it out sooner than that."

The "Blue Marble" image of the Earth has been flying in the top position on three flag poles since Dec. 16, 2022, the morning after the Arcata City Council decided in closed session to uphold a voter-approved initiative directing the placement, with the qualification that the city would also seek a "judicial resolution" on whether Measure M conflicts with state or federal law.

The initiative is believed to be the only of its kind in the United States, not only in upsetting the traditional protocol of flying the American flag above all others, but by enacting a local law as a symbolic gesture, in this case expressing an opinion of Arcatans that the well-being of the Earth needs to be prioritized.

Complicating matters, there simply appears to be no comparable case law addressing the issues now before the court.

In previous court filings and at today's hearing, attorney Angela Schrimp de la

Vergne outlined the city's main contention that complying with Measure M "violates two state laws," which — as a general law city — "Arcata is bound" to follow.

Those are the California Government code on flag display, which states, in part: "At all times the National Flag shall be placed in the position of first honor." The other is a section of California Military and Veterans Code, which includes the provision: "No other flag or pennant shall be placed above, or if on the same level, to the right of the Flag of the United States of America, except during church services, when the church flag may be flown."

Proponents of Measure M, including former City Councilmember Dave Meserve, take a different view, one of a case rooted in the rights of freedom of speech guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution, as well as the power of the initiative process granted to state residents by the latter.

In court, their attorney Eric Kirk noted those points have already been covered extensively in multiple filings before the judge while outlining for Canning aspects that he described as "context that the city is missing."

Among those, he argued, was that there is a difference between a ballot measure brought to a vote through the citizen initiative process and that of a municipal initiated resolution, such as one brought forward by a city council.

The former, Kirk says, brings with it a "benefit of doubt and presumption of validity."

"There's nothing really to override the will of the voters in this case," he said.

Kirk also brought up the wording of "position of first honor" in California Government code on flag display, contending that the "fact of the matter is we don't know what that means ... maybe it means something other than the physical position of the flag," noting proponents have always maintained that Measure M was in no way intended to "dishonor the American flag in any way."

In rebuttal, Schrimp de la Vergne told Canning that the city disagrees with the proponents' contention that the rights of voters enshrined in the initiative process is greater than that of a municipal government body, such as a city council.

In the end, she said, the city is simply obligated to follow state law.

"The city doesn't have any way of putting the Earth flag at the top of city flag poles and be in compliance with state law at the same time," Schrimp de la Vergne said. The only question Canning raised was directed at Kirk, asking that "if it's correct that the voters in Arcata can exempt the city from complying with state law" in the Earth flag situation, is there any reason why the voters couldn't exempt the city



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from other requirements, giving as an example open meeting laws?

Kirk replied there is nothing about Measure M that could cause chaos or overrides state interests that require conformity from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, stating that it's "not going to create problems for Eureka that Arcata is doing this."

Canning's decision is expected by mid-April.

— Kimberly Wear
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Police Shooting: Daniel Martinez, 43, was fatally shot by police Jan. 22 after he allegedly stabbed a juvenile, took hostages and engaged in an hours-long standoff. Police reported they were called to the 1400 block of Union Street in Eureka around 5:45 a.m. after a report that a 12 year old had been stabbed. It was then determined the suspect had barricaded himself inside a residence with multiple hostages. At 5:26 p.m., EPD reported on social media that the four hostages — an adult woman and three juveniles — were "safely removed from the premises" but police had shot Martinez, who was later pronounced dead at a local hospital. The exact circumstances that led to the shooting remain unclear. POSTED 01.23.24

Mazzotti's Shuts its Doors: On Jan. 11, Joe Mazzotti says he had nobody to cook at Mazzotti's, so he didn't open the iconic Arcata Plaza restaurant. The closure — which Mazzotti says came after finances ran tight and he was unable to keep employees paid on time, which led many to leave — follows the shuttering of the Eureka Mazzotti's in 2019. Mazzotti says he considered opening the Mazzotti's Arcata bar with a limited menu but decided against it. "The bills are piling up and I've just run short on finances," he says. "It's a financial fact of life." Mazzotti says he's working on settling his debts to vendors and employees, and looking to sell the business. POSTED 01.22.24

Building a Safety Net

Sequoia Park Zoo helps an endangered butterfly species spread its wings

By Kimberly Wear

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Inside a nondescript concrete building at the Sequoia Park Zoo, hundreds of rare caterpillars are settled down for a long winter's nap.

So small their black, spikey forms only come into focus under the lens of a microscope, the Behren's silverspot butterflies-to-be are housed in specially outfitted jars kept on shelves of a regular kitchen refrigerator, snugly tucked amid grooves of corrugated cardboard.

Painstakingly raised from eggs laid at the zoo by females captured in the wild, the larvae are kept at a cool temperature to simulate weather conditions they would experience in the outside world this time of year. They are in a state known as diapause, a period when they

don't need to eat or drink.

"They're not actually asleep but still dormant and not growing," says Christine Damiani, director of the zoo's butterfly conservation program, a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that is the first and only captive breeding effort for the North Coast species fluttering on the edge of extinction.

As winter turns to spring, Damiani and her team of three part-time assistants will continue to mimic their natural life cycle by warming up the future pollinators, catapulting them from a slumbering state into a living embodiment of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. But unlike the main character in the beloved children's book, these caterpillars only feed on one plant — the

dog violet, also known by other names, including the early blue violet — which Damiani raises onsite.

Over the course of a few months, they will grow rapidly under her watchful eyes, passing through six development stages known as instars and eating their way through tens of thousands of leaves, each one handpicked and triple washed by what Damiani describes as "a small army of volunteers."

"We do the best we can to give them the best conditions for survival but we are still learning," she says.

In the summer, those that make it through the transformation from caterpillar to pupa will be taken to the same coastal terrace prairie where their mothers

once flitted about. There they will complete the final phase of their metamorphosis into butterflies. This year's brood will be the third group of zoo-raised Behren's silverspots set free near Point Arena, the only place where the butterflies that once ranged from the Russian River in Sonoma County up to around Fort Bragg in Mendocino County are still found, carrying on their wings a new hope for preserving the species into the future.

Getting to this point has been a complex journey, one that began six years ago when the zoo partnered with USFWS to raise rare butterflies for release. But the original focus was the Oregon silverspot, an also endangered cousin of the Behren's, which has been successfully raised in cap-

<< A Behren's silverspot butterfly on a gumplant.
Clint Pogue/USFWS

tivity at the Oregon Zoo.
Using innovative methods developed at the Portland institution as a template, the plan was to set up another breeding facility closer to the state's only known Oregon silverspot population near Lake Earl in Del Norte County to help boost its plummeting numbers, according to USFW biologist Clint Pogue.
But getting permitted to raise an endangered species is no easy task, requiring Damiani to spend an entire year showing she could successfully rear a closely related but not rare butterfly. By the time the Sequoia Park Zoo program was ready to go, Damiani says, "it was too late" for the Del Norte County colony.
The last female Oregon silverspot found in the area was captured in the summer of 2018, Pogue says, but none of the 150 eggs she laid were fertilized, likely due to low population numbers that left her unable to find a mate.

"Everyone," Damiani says, "was very sad."
None have been spotted in the state since 2019.
"Unfortunately, the Oregon silverspot population in Del Norte County has been undetectable for the last few years," says Pogue, who oversees the agency's California recovery efforts for both subspecies.
So the Sequoia Park Zoo's program pivoted to concentrating on the Behren's silverspot, which is in even more dire straits. Despite the loss in Del Norte, Oregon silverspots are still found in a handful of areas in the insect's namesake state, where its numbers are bolstered by Oregon Zoo's breeding program.

In comparison, Pogue notes, the Behren's silverspot has "no safety net."
Even after being listed as federally endangered in 1997, the butterflies' numbers continued to decline, with an updated USFW recovery plan in 2015 pointing to "the degradation and loss of habitat as a result of development and agricultural practices" as a primary cause, along with trees and invasive species encroaching on the last vestiges of open coastal prairies in the region, shading out the low-growing violets on which the Behren's larvae depend.
The USFW also noted concerns about identifying specific habitat sites due to "impacts from the collection of rare and endangered butterflies" by poachers hunting for the amber-hued butterflies with zig-zagging black lines and dots on the upper wings and distinctive silver spots — hence the name — underneath.
So in 2020, having just watched the Del Norte colony collapse, Pogue says he became "extremely nervous" when only one Behren's was identified in an "inci-

dental" sighting on the insect's last known foothold while official surveys came back empty.
"I had just started doing my work for the recovery of that species and it was doing extremely poorly," he says. "It was definitely nerve-racking to try to ensure the persistence of this species on the landscape."
With those bleak numbers in hand, Pogue says efforts to get the Behren's breeding program up and running "jumped into overdrive." The clock was ticking on putting in place all the logistics needed to proceed the following year — if he was able to collect some female butterflies to bring to the Sequoia Park Zoo.
Luck was on their side.
The next summer, seven females captured in delicate, tightly woven insect nets were carefully secured in ventilated plastic containers with paper towels to latch onto

and placed inside coolers to keep them calm during the drive north.
Once there, they laid hundreds of eggs that were meticulously transferred onto petri dishes to continue their life cycle under controlled conditions, which resulted in 80 captive-reared butterflies released in 2022. That same year, another eight females were brought to the zoo, with even bigger results.
This past summer, 245 butterflies emerged from the pupae that Damiani raised and handed off to another team to be placed in protective enclosures at the Point Arena coastal prairie, where they were closely monitored during the final stage of their transformation.
When butterflies first come out of their protective casing, Pogue explains, their abdomens are filled with fluid, which they pump into their wings to inflate them

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A butterfly newly emerged from its pupa.
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First instar caterpillars in their cardboard beds.
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before hanging upside down while their wings dry. That, Pogue says, is “a really important stage for them to complete in the cage before release.”

Once the butterflies’ wings are dry, the monitoring team “helps them over to a nectar flower so they can get a good meal in before they fly off,” he says.

In addition, nearly 300 late instar caterpillars were also set out amid the vegetation to finish their transformation into a pupa after being sent out the door when the banner crop of larvae ate their way through 75,000 violet leaves, depleting the zoo’s supply and its ability to keep feeding them.

“The hungry, hungry caterpillar is a true story,” Pogue says with a laugh, adding the situation was a positive outcome in his view.

“I think that it’s good to put them out at earlier life stages so organisms we’re putting out there are experiencing some of the conditions that they would in the wild if it wasn’t for this captive breeding and augmentation program, and they’re going to be stronger butterflies because of it,” he says.

Also contributing to the Behren’s recovery is the care the captured females receive during their short stay at the zoo, where they are fed a nectar solution “fortified with a bunch of nutrients and vitamins that has been shown to increase egg production,” Pogue says, upping the chances they will lay even more eggs after being released back to the wild to complete their three-week lifespan.

“Those are going to hopefully result in a few butterflies existing on the landscape

that went through all of those natural selection pressures and are strong butterflies,” Pogue says. “Our main concern is first preventing extinction, but we want to make sure that we’re preventing extinction with a healthy population, and that’s good genetics and good adaptability.”

Early indications point to things going well.

Around six months ago, 56 Behren’s silverspots were sighted along seven designated survey routes in what Pogue describes as the butterflies’ “very restricted range,” which encompasses parts of southern Mendocino and northern Sonoma counties about a mile from the coast. That was the most ever recorded since surveys began in 2006, with another 117 seen outside of those transects.

Some have been reported about 4 miles north of the release site in an area where they haven’t been spotted in years, which Pogue says is an encouraging sign the program “might be having an appreciable impact already.”

But, he notes, “we’ll know a lot more about that as we start to do markings of our released butterflies so we can have a better handle on the impacts that we are having and be able to take stock of what’s going on, and adapting accordingly.”

Due to concerns about potential poaching, as the USFW recovery plan mentioned, Pogue says precautions are taken to not say too much about where the Behren’s are being set free. He says there have been issues with people camping out at Oregon silverspot release sites to “collect individuals for black-market



Christine Damiani, director of the zoo’s butterfly conservation program, at the release cage.
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A Behren's silverspot caterpillar hatches from its egg.
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trading of rare butterfly specimens."

"And since this is a particularly rare butterfly and black-market specimen trading is a concern, we try to be very conscientious about the information that we share about location," he says. "Not that we want to be gatekeeping in any way, but we just wanted to make sure our efforts are as effective as possible and we're being good stewards of the butterfly."

Just how many of the butterflies still exist is not clear, Pogue says, and the population can vary widely from year to year.

"To me, the great success of this program is having this safeguard against random or unpredictable or unknown events that are occurring out on the landscape that could be impacting the population," Pogue says. "And, if there's a really terrible year for the Behren's silverspot, by doing this captive breeding program, we ensure their persistence, and I've been very, very pleased with the work that [Damiani] has done. With the numbers we've been putting out, we have the potential to move this species toward that path of recovery."

But helping increase the butterflies' numbers is just part of the equation. Habitat restoration is another, with Pogue saying the caterpillars are not super mobile or very big, so when they emerge from diapause, they basically need to be "plopped down in a big pile of food" in order to survive.

Pogue says invasive species encroaching into the Behren's habitat, changing the vegetation composition on the coastal prairies, as well as land use changes like development and agricultural uses, "have greatly impacted the amount of places where the violets exist in big enough patches to make the caterpillars have enough food to make it all the way to the

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All a flutter: How to Benefit Butterflies

While Behren's and Oregon silverspots aren't found in Humboldt County, there are still ways to lend a helping hand to the endangered butterflies on the local level.

With another banner batch of Behren's caterpillars waiting in the wings for their spring awakening in just a few months, Sequoia Park Zoo Butterfly Conservation Director Christine Damiani is going to be once again depending on volunteers to prepare the piles of leaves needed to keep them fed.

"If people want to help the Behren's silverspot, that's probably one of the best things you can do from Humboldt," she says.

When the tiny larvae — just some 1 to 2 millimeters long — first begin to eat, the violet volunteers will need to hunt through the plants to find "the smallest leaves, before they've opened up," Damiani says, with one of those going to each of the hundreds of caterpillars just beginning their journey to butterfly.

If they eat it all, the portions are upped, meaning Damiani is constantly recalculating just how many leaves might be needed in a given day, especially as the caterpillars molt and grow through each instar stage.

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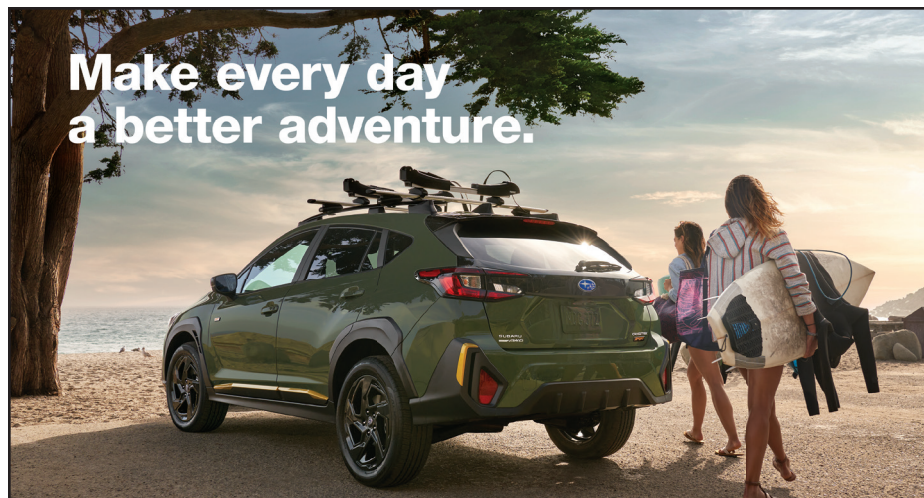
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butterfly stage.”

To help on that front, the Mendocino Land Trust was recently awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board to restore pollinator habitat in southern Mendocino County, according to a California Fish and Wildlife Department announcement, with “a particular focus on restoring habitat for the federally endangered Behren’s silverspot butterfly (BSB).”

That will include planting highly dense patches of early blue violets at four coastal prairie sites.

“Members of our diverse working group all specialize in supporting each part of these insects’ complex life cycles,” the land trust’s stewardship project manager Anna Bride said in the announcement. “From captive rearing and release efforts of the BSB to early blue violet restoration, we’re all passionate about these little organisms and their place in the greater ecosystems of our region.”

One of the strengths of the Behren’s recovery program is the wide range of partners — from nonprofits and government agencies to biologists and volunteer leaf washers at the zoo — working toward the common goal of ensuring the butterfly continues to flutter into the future.

“Together we are going to be able to make a big impact for these beautiful little bugs,” Pogue says.

Back at the Sequoia Park Zoo, Damiani is preparing for what she says is promising to be a busy season, adding that it is “a good problem to have but it’s super exhausting.”

While leading a program to raise rare butterflies may sound idyllic, the reality on the ground is long hours combined with a lot of worrying.

From the time the eggs are collected and placed in petri dishes in late summer to when the caterpillars hatch and go into diapause for the winter to their spring wake-up call and subsequent development through six instar stages into a pupa by the next summer, each and every one needs to be individually monitored.

“They are like my babies,” Damiani says. “If something happens, if a bunch get sick, I get really stressed about it because I can’t take them to the vet.”

With the captured butterflies laying anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 eggs — which this year translated into around 1,400 caterpillars — just trying to keep up with the sheer number of daily needed check-ins is an all-consuming effort that often has Damiani working from before dawn to dusk.

“If one egg develops one strand of



A female Behren’s feeding on nectar during a short stay at the zoo.

Christine Damiani

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mold, if we can't catch it, by the next day it could spread and kill all of the eggs in the petri dish," she explains. "Most of what keeps us busy during the year is constantly checking on the caterpillars."

Come April, Damiani and her team will begin taking the hundreds of caterpillars now in diapause out of the refrigerator in batches, moving them from the jars into plastic boxes that will become their new homes over at the butterfly lab — a glass-enclosed space that's barely larger than a broom closet inside the zoo's Barnyard area.

As they warm up, she says, "they start getting hungry and want to eat."

That's where the army of volunteers comes in, individually plucking and washing thousands and thousands of violet leaves over the ensuing months to sate the caterpillars' voracious appetites, which increase exponentially each time they molt and grow.

"It takes the equivalent of one person's full-time job just to harvest food for the caterpillars," she says.

One of the many exciting aspects of the breeding program, Damiani says, is that visitors can watch the zoo's mission of "conservation in action" by an all-woman team of scientists as they go about their daily tasks of caring for a rare species.

Depending on the time of year, she says, they can see caterpillars "crawling around and eating the leaves" in spring or molting and turning into pupae around June. By the end of July, all the Behren's raised at the zoo will be sent south to be released. But, after a short break, the process will begin anew, with Pogue bringing up captured females to lay their eggs in the lab around August, meaning people who come at the right time might see the butterflies being fed.

A few weeks later, those eggs will hatch and a new batch of tiny caterpillars will be tucked into their cardboard beds until spring.

Operating on a shoe-string budget of around \$100,000, mainly from outside grants and donations, Damiani says she and her team are amazed at what they've been able to accomplish in tight quarters with just a few people while working in tandem with the rest of the recovery effort.

"Everyone is really passionate," she says. "I'm really excited to see how this group is going to advance recovery. ... It's really encouraging that we are making a difference. It's so rewarding to think we may be able to save this one." ●

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If it weren't for the volunteers, she notes, that task would be what one of her part-time assistants "would be doing all day, every day."

To find out more on how to be part of that vital team, contact Damiani by email at speyeria01@gmail.com.

Also, as a program that relies on outside grants and donations, anyone who would like to assist on the financial side can send a check to the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation or donate to the Animal Enrichment Fund through the zoo's website by indicating the contribution is for the Butterfly Conservation Program.

While the Behren's silverspot is currently the focus, Damiani is still keeping her hand in Oregon silverspot breeding, which have successfully been reared locally before and transferred up to the Oregon Zoo for release.

With restoration efforts in the Lake Earl area of Del Norte County underway, she says, the plan is for the zoo to "play a key role" in bringing the Oregon silverspot back to California. Once that effort is far enough along, Damiani says she will be rearing butterflies at the zoo to be reintroduced in Del Norte County.

On that front, the Sequoia Park Zoo is a part of the annual Scotch Broom Bash that usually takes place in April, with volunteers working to help clear out the invasive plant species from the Lake Earl Wildlife Area to open up space for the violets on which the Oregon silverspot larvae feed and depend to flourish.

Closer to home, just creating a friendly space for pollinators in general, including butterflies and their caterpillars, can make a difference for the insects and keep them from someday becoming threatened or endangered.

Humboldt County alone has 70 different kinds of butterflies, says biologist Clint Pogue, who oversees the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department's recovery efforts for the Behren's and the Oregon silverspot in California.

He recommends visiting pollinator.org for more information on what to plant, noting it's nice to have flowers for butterflies and moths, but it's "important to have caterpillar food, too."

Also, Pogue says leaving some leaves on the ground that those caterpillars will need when they bed down for winter, as well as some overgrown areas in the yard, are all small steps people can take to "help common butterflies while they are still common."

"Because," he notes, "sometimes common butterflies start to become exceedingly rare."

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Steve and Amy Bohner taking orders and serving craft cocktails at the Alchemy tasting room's hexagonal bar. Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

Alchemy's Pop-up Magic

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Less than an hour before sunset, the Alchemy Distillery gives off the glow and thrum of a party through the large open window counter, where patrons sit inside and out, bustling bar traffic on one side, overhead heat lamps cutting the chill on the other. There's still a line of people waiting to get in and place their orders from the evening's pop-up menu. Running the register and mixing up drinks are Alchemy proprietors Amy and Steve Bohner. In the open stainless steel kitchen in back, Alex Yang and his crew are turning out plates of bulgogi beef and egg rolls.

Yang, who plans to open Kogiri Thai Fusion Korean BBQ in Arcata this spring, is the third chef to take over the kitchen in Alchemy's newly built tasting room. Marisela Salas of Cocina Mariposa was first with a prix fixe dinner, followed by a couple more pop-up nights that sold out quickly. The South G Kitchen also took a turn in the kitchen, and there have also been evenings with cocktails and pairings with Cypress Grove cheeses and Beck's Bakery. While pop-ups have been more common on the Humboldt scene in the past couple of years, at Alchemy, guest chefs are the only cooks in the kitchen.

"For us to have a brick-and-mortar kitchen and for pop-ups being the only cooking we do, I haven't seen that," says Amy Bohner, who presides over the distillery business the couple started in 2015 while Steve manages Alchemy Construction.

Alchemy Distillery had a tiny industrial tasting room but Amy says the couple always had an eye on the adjacent space facing G Street. When it became available, they started working on gutting and renovating it to work as a drinking and dining space with a hexagonal bar at its center, tables around the perimeter and counter seating on both sides of the open wall. Gutting and rebuilding the former glass shop into something more on the chic side of industrial took time, she says, since their construction company was busy working on paying clients.

With their craft distiller's license, Amy explains, "We can serve an ounce and a half per person per day unless we sell food." Hosting a rotating slate of chefs allows them to sell more drinks, promoting Alchemy's line of craft liquors to new clientele. "It is profitable for us and the chefs," she says. "I have a long list of chefs we're talking to. And I really want to keep it diverse so we can make it like a different restaurant every time." That, after all, is part of the magic of a pop-up, the expectant mood among diners who are in it together to try something new that may never happen again, like a party among jovial strangers.

To make it an attractive deal, Amy says, they put in top-of-the-line Hestan appliances and stocked the kitchen with equipment and tools. "All you're supposed to do is show up with your food and your knife bag."

Yang, who had already hired Alchemy



The Kogiri beef bulgogi bowl. Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

Construction to renovate the old Golden Harvest Cafe spot for his new restaurant, table-top grills and all, is in love with the setup at the tasting room. “Their gear, their stovetops,” he gushes, “all the equipment they have is heavenly. Their stove heats up so fast. It helped me out so much because as soon as the doors opened, I needed to get 20 tickets out.” A veteran of Korean sushi and Thai restaurants, as well as other local pop-ups, he says it’s the best kitchen he’s ever worked in. Playing his beloved K-Pop on the excellent sound system, he says, made it all the more fun.

It was also an opportunity to show people what Kogiri’s food will be like. “We pretty much sold out almost everything,” says Yang. After trouble with overloading the rice cookers the first night and running out, he and his crew had a smoother run on Sunday. Now that he’s more familiar with the kitchen, the crowd and the pacing, he’s eager to come back. “I feel like we turned away a lot of people because of the wait.”

Even after Kogiri opens, he thinks he’ll be back at Alchemy, and not only because he feels the 20 percent cut the house takes is fair. A night or two at the tasting room, he says, would allow him to experiment with fine dining outside of Kogiri’s regular menu, “when I get my creative itch.”

And the Bohners are having a good time, too. “We have our own little safe space behind the bar. It’s just the two of us bumping into each other,” Amy says with a laugh. “We’ve been together for 23 years so we have this way of working on projects without a lot of communication.” After running a distillery and a construction company, she says, it’s like a third

business running the tasting room, one where they finally get to work side by side.

The whiskey ginger cocktails end up the big sellers of the night, even more than the Thai tea slushie spiked with Alchemy’s clear unaged whiskey and served with a blown glass straw in a tumbler cut from a glass bottle. “I always do a signature slushie,” Amy says, noting the clear unaged whiskey was the first hooch they sold as they waited for barrels to age; customer demand brought it back.

With a handful of events under their belts, the Bohners are planning three to four pop-up and pairing nights a month, opening up for cocktails more or less when they are in the mood and letting folks know a day or so ahead via social media. Upcoming events include a Feb. 4 Mardi Gras brunch by Dana Burstein, and an evening of Korean food by Birdie’s Eats with chefs Catlin Conlin and Ande Rear-don Wall on Feb 16 and 17.

Amy happily recounts the whole room singing “Happy Birthday” to a woman during the Kogiri pop-up, saying how much she enjoys the community vibe and the growing list of regulars. The crowds have kept cheerful, she says, even with the new ordering system and the lines. “I’ve really been thrilled that people are patient with the process,” she says. “It’s a win-win.”

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New Art Sellers Around Old Town:

Stock Schlueter Fine Art
and 4th Street Mercantile

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Walking through the door of the 4th Street Mercantile (215 Fourth St., Eureka) is a surprising, almost surreal experience. The interior space seemed to me somehow larger than the actual building. As I approached the counter just inside the entryway, my eyes were drawn beyond it, in all directions, to the expertly curated displays of texture and color. Before my brain could register the objects, my senses took pleasure in the design of the whole collection, which felt dense but uncluttered, and seemed to ramble behind walls and through multiple interior rooms and passages. I wanted to go in and explore to see what else was back there.

A couple of blocks away, a familiar name in the Humboldt County art community has his own new spot for fine art seekers. Stock Schlueter, the Willow Creek native who has been exhibiting his vibrant, often dramatic oil-painted visions of landscapes for decades, just opened Stock Schlueter Fine Art (330 Second St., Eureka) with his wife, Rachel. This gallery, too, is inviting and visually rich right at first glance, full of wood and Schlueter's sweeping plein air scenes of light. I met with Rachel and Stock in their vintage-furnished sitting area at the back of the gallery.

While I glanced around the large gallery at the collection of Schlueter's depictions of vineyards and canyons, oceans and deserts (deserts? I didn't know he painted deserts!), he told me how his art practice came to its present form. In college, he said, he was interested in Pop Art, but that he "always wanted to just learn how to paint." He was working felling timber when he traded two paintings for a wagon camper and started painting more seriously. "Painting everything will teach you how to paint anything," he says.

Showing his work widely at the John Pence Gallery in San Francisco for 26 years,

as well as in Sonoma and Mendocino counties, Scottsdale, Arizona, and Sante Fe, New Mexico, Schlueter has worked out of Eureka's C Street Studios, which he helped build, for 35 years. Driving up and down the street from his studio to get coffee, he repeatedly saw the property in which we were currently sitting and noted that it "screamed 'gallery.'" He then thought, "It might be interesting to have a gallery." The Schlueters signed the lease in October of 2024, went to work in November and opened the gallery during the Dec. 2, 2024 Arts Alive.

The Schlueters purchased some of the display furniture for the gallery right down the street at the 4th Street Mercantile. The Mercantile's owners, Aaron and Crystal Woodbury Haynes are, unlike the Schlueters, new to the Humboldt County art scene, if not to Humboldt County. Crystal is originally from McKinleyville and the two recently moved back here and opened their space in September of 2023, after operating similar businesses in Petaluma and Missouri.

The Woodbury Haynes envisioned the 4th Street Mercantile as an option for big furniture vendors (who face logistical challenges selling their products in the Eureka market or local fairs) to have a permanent point of sale. It is also an opportunity for sellers who are outpriced from renting their own storefronts locally to rent "booths" instead. The owners also offer special rental terms to members of underserved communities who may have fewer opportunities to display their work or products. The result is one-stop shopping for estate-sale finds and heaps of diverse, locally made arts and crafts. Perhaps most astonishingly for a project

of this sort, the store doesn't have even a hint of rummage-sale vibes. Instead, as Aaron described it, every inch of the store is "aesthetically pleasing and smells nice." When we finished our conversation, I took a walk through the store to take photographs, but ended up shopping and left with a delicious smelling, locally made candle for a friend.

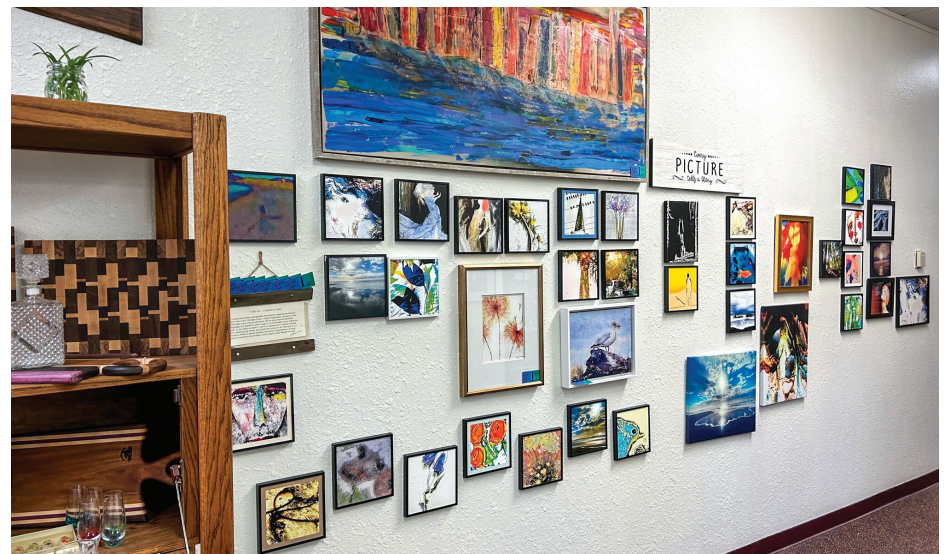
Part of the Mercantile's project includes a Rotating Arts Alive Gallery. For one month at a time, three local fine artists display their work for no rental fee and sell it for a 20 percent commission. For the month of January, the Arts Alive Gallery showcased large and small format landscape photography, abstract photographs and small, colorful acrylic paintings. The 4th Street Mercantile also hosts craft classes, such as upcoming "chunky blanket" and mosaic tile workshops.

Stock Schlueter Fine Arts also has plans for group exhibition of artwork. Currently the gallery displays some 3D concrete and glass objects, including some by Rachel Schlueter, along with Stock Schlueter's paintings. The work on the walls though primarily represents his new work, along with a huge collection of diverse landscape paintings that Stock made in 2016, while the couple traveled the country painting. He said that it made sense to open the gallery with this body of work because "signing the lease was like hitting the road — a new adventure." The plan though is to rotate exhibitions every month. The Schlueters have an upcoming group exhibition in the works with Stock and two other favorite Eureka painters. ●

L.L. Kessner is an Arcata-based artist and writer.



Stock Schlueter Fine Arts. Photos by L.L. Kessner



Local art at 4th Street Mercantile.

Dry the Rain

By Collin Yeo
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I've been enjoying the frantic back and forth between the flood days and warm sun days, so I haven't really paid much attention to January slipping by. Which is unfortunate because it's one of my favorite months. They all have their charm, depending on where you are, and my associations from childhood with our Humboldt winters are all wet, muddy fun. As an adult, that last noun is more subdued and elusive, but I can still get a taste of it despite the world's best efforts. And what a treasure that is, considering how few people out there seem to be enjoying themselves at all these days, not that I can blame them. A world seeming to be without meaning or moral valence can still offer some pleasures. While I reject the annoying buzzword talk about "self-care," I still think it's a good thing from an existential standpoint to get in some harmless kicks in the midst of an absurd situation, and life itself is, no matter what you believe, a very absurd situation. Just ask anyone who has tried to work on something outdoors around here during this time of year. Caught in the rain, completely drenched and buffeted by wind, you miserably put your tools away, pull off the soaked layers and slide into the cab of your vehicle, get the heater going just as the hail comes like snare drums on the roof. Grumbling and defeated, you drive away, right into a rainbow. See you on the other end.

Thursday

Last week had some burnt offerings for the festival crowd of feel-goods out there and this week starts no differently. **Papadosio** is a quintet that recently hails from Asheville, North Carolina, which in my recollection was always a little hippie bubble in the mid-east South. The sound is very jammy, with organic bubbles of jazzy prog to balance out the electronic elements. Opening duo **Desert Dwellers** is a longtime locally popular DJ production act from the near southwest whose style mixes the sounds of nature with an electro reverberation ... kind of like camping in the age of Bluetooth speakers. To hear these crickets purr over a digital sandscape,

come over to the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 8 p.m. (\$30 advance, \$80 VIP).

Friday

DJ Kreepeee is curating Phunk Crypt at the Miniplex tonight at 10 p.m. Expect a clubby appreciation of the mix-tape culture of the '90s -'00s Dirty South sound, with all the grimy crunk and horror-show beauty that put underground rap on the map from Memphis to Houston. It's a \$5-\$10 sliding scale but (loud enough for the people in the back) this gig is a no-one-turned-away-for-lack-of-funds, aka NOTAFLOP, affair.

Saturday

Tuvan throat singing first came on my radar when I was a teenager, via the documentary *Genghis Blues*, where San Francisco blues musician Paul Pena learned the art over shortwave radio and was invited to Tuva to perform in one of their festivals. I even saw one of his hosts, the amazing Kongar-ool Ondar, do his harmonic singing live at Amoeba Records on Haight Street, a formative experience that is long gone but not forgotten, like the two artists I just mentioned. So I can say with some authority that any chance to see this music performed live by masters is well worth it. Luckily for us, Tuva's **Alash Ensemble** is here in our county tonight at 7:30 p.m., and in the Old Steeple, which is a perfect venue for this kind of magic (\$30, \$25 advance).

Sunday

Hey hey, it's another **Grateful Getdown** matinee show at Humbrews today at 3 p.m., overseen by some of this county's greatest G. Dead interpreters. Last night's 9 p.m. gig was for adults of drinking age only but today's hoedown is for dead people of all ages. As was the case on Saturday, \$10 is the price at the door.

Monday

It's a quiet night in the tidewater section of the entertainment week and, in keeping with the first of two newly

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Tuva's Alash Ensemble performs at the Old Steeple at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Photo courtesy of the artists

minted traditions in this column of mentioning some of the fine musicians we lost in 2023, I suggest you listen to something from Sinéad O'Connor's catalog of work. There's really not much to avoid and too many gems to name, but I've always loved the sea-widow wailing of "Jackie" and her version of "The Foggy Dew" with the Chieftains. Oh, and that other new tradition? Headlining my columns after song titles or albums.

Tuesday

Slick Rick hasn't released a proper solo full length in 25 years, but that's no impediment to his style, which is mostly captured in live settings, singles and guest-spot visitations. The dude has been in the game since the early days of New York City hip hop, and has a permanent spot in the pantheon as a wily and eccentric raconteur and old head. He is worth your time but, to quote LeVar Burton, "You don't have to take my word for it." You can find out for yourself at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 7 p.m. (\$30, \$25 advance).

Wednesday

I'm not the first person to point out

that the even-numbered OG *Star Trek* movies are the best ones and the first film to decisively show that was 1982's sequel to *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. I'm talking about ***The Wrath of Khan***, most famous perhaps for William Shatner's mid-movie scream of "KHAAAAAAAAAAAAANNNN!!" that was so campily acted he spit out a mouthful of scenery. I just rewatched this movie on one of our rainy days and I can tell you that Ricardo Montalban played the titular villain perfectly, his subdued menace and heavy obsession with revenge works as a perfect nemesis to Shatner's unshakable, be-girdled cockiness. It's good, clean fun and a fine bridge from the technicolor antics of the series and the special effects supernova of 1980s Hollywood. You know the drill by now: sci fi night at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 6 p.m. for the doors, find your seat before the raffle drawing at 7, five minutes later is showtime. Five bucks gets you inside and \$9 lets you leave with a poster, likely featuring KHAAAAAAAAAAAAANNNN! ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) has once again failed to receive an Oscar nomination. He lives in Arcata.

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Mortal Kombat, 1992



North Coast Brass Ensemble. Submitted

Lights, music, dancing! **Ferndale Dance Academy** brings razzle-dazzle to Humboldt County this weekend with their show **On Broadway**, happening **Saturday, Jan. 27**, from **5 to 7 p.m.** and **Sunday, Jan. 28**, from **2 to 4 p.m.** at the **Arkley Center for the Performing Arts** (\$20, \$15 ages 10 and under, free for ages 3 and under). This perfect-for-all-ages show features award-winning dancers who have danced internationally, and includes guest artists Melissa Hinz and Morgan Hartlein Allen.

Arcata Theatre Lounge presents the first ever **Mortal Kombat** (the old-school, 1992 SNES version) **Video-Game Tournament** this **Saturday, Jan. 27**, from **3 to 7 p.m.** (\$10 entry-fee, 2 food/drink minimum to watch). Spectators can load up on drinks/food/snacks from the bar/concessions stand and witness digital gladiators battle it out in this double-elimination, three-round, best-of-three tournament on the big screen. And the thrill doesn't end there — stay for the screening of **Mortal Kombat** (1995) from **7 to 10 p.m.** Pre-show antics begin at 7, with the main event at 8 p.m. (\$8, \$12 admission and poster). It'll be a kick in the face.

Classical music lovers rejoice, there are two concerts this weekend violin-ing for your attention. First up is Cal Poly Humboldt's **Spring Welcome Concert**, an evening of classical and contemporary favorites, on **Saturday, Jan. 27**, at **8 p.m.** in **Fulkerson Recital Hall** (\$15, \$5 for children and CPH students). Then on **Sunday, Jan. 28**, enjoy the **Chamber Players of the Redwoods** concert at **Arcata's Lutheran Church** at **2 p.m.** (free, donations suggested). Featured chamber groups performing are: **Melodia, Humboldt Harmoniumusik** and **North Coast Brass Ensemble**.

25 Thursday

ART

Cistem Failure Showcase. 6-9 p.m. Outer Space Arcata, 837 H St. All-ages drag and music show. \$5-\$20 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds). outer-spacearcata@gmail.com.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

THEATER

Papaya Lounge: Et Cum Spiritu. 8-10 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. Wild and raucous cabaret-style show with live band. Doors at 7 p.m. For ages 18 and up. \$35. papayaloungeproductions@gmail.com. papayalounge.com.

EVENTS

Arcata State of the City. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Minor Theatre, 1001 H St., Arcata. Speakers include Michael Fisher, associate vice president of facilities management at Cal Poly Humboldt, Karen Diemer from the city of Arcata, and Arcata Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Meredith Matthews. Light grab-and-go breakfast, coffee and tea provided. \$15, \$10 members. gloria@arcatachamber.com. business.arcatachamber.com/events/details/2024-state-of-the-city-296?calendarMonth=2024-01-01. (707) 897-6004.

Fortuna Chamber State of the City Breakfast. 7:30-9 a.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Featuring presentations from the mayor, city manager, police and fire departments, county sheriff and supervisors. \$25.

FOOD

Lao Food Plate Sale. Call for Location, Humboldt, Humboldt. Lao food plate sale benefiting Humboldt County Lao Dancers. For orders, call or text. Order by Jan. 26. Pick up Feb. 3. \$18/plate. (707) 497-8707; (707) 616-1281.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium,

1120 F St. Wilderness immersion program for teens and adults. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Adults meet Thursdays, teens meet one Saturday a month. Transportation provided for Eureka residents. Please pre-register. Free. swood2@eurekacounty.gov. eureka-heroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

ETC

OUT 4 Business. Last Thursday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. An LGBTQ+ Professionals Networking Mixer providing an open and welcoming environment for all people of the LGBTQ+ community as well as friends, allies and business professionals who value diversity and inclusivity. events@historiceaglehouse.com. fb.me/e/3XK7QZyuk. (707) 444-3344.

Pathway to Payday. 9 a.m.-noon. Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center, Corner of Seventh and C streets, Eureka. Employment workshop series that focuses on enhancement of application, resume and interview skills, and offers participants the opportunity to interview with real employers for real jobs. Free. swood2@eurekacounty.gov. uplifteureka.com/pathway. (707) 672-2253.

Young Professionals Mixer. 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata. Young professionals can swap ideas, make connections and explore shared interests while learning about the local business landscape. gloria@arcatachamber.com. fb.me/e/1JIWWibRY. (707) 897-6004.

26 Friday

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

Winter Book Sale. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friends of the Redwood Libraries, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Friday's sale is for members only, with memberships available at the door. Saturday is open to all. Thousands of books, CDs and

DVDs. Small bills appreciated. Credit cards for purchases over \$5. Benefits the Humboldt County Library System. friends@eurekafrl.org. eurekafrl.org. (707) 269-1995.

DANCE

Jammin Friday. Fourth Friday of every month, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Monthly swing dance with a lesson at 7:30 p.m. (included in cover charge), music and dancing at 8:30 p.m. \$15 (w/band), \$10 (no band), free for U.S. military veterans. loverlipe@gmail.com. fb.me/e/1mtainmOf. (707) 616-8484.

MUSIC

Felicities and Festoons Near A Wolf Moon. 6-8 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. An evening of supper and music in community. Jill performs jazz, old pop and original compositions. Guest musicians TBA. Reservations required for the winter meal of organic vegetarian soup (vegan option available), salad and bread by Erica Davie at 6 p.m. \$10-\$20 concert only at the door (arrive 6:45 p.m.), \$20-\$50 concert and supper. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

SPOKEN WORD

David Holper Book Release Reading with Friends. 7-8:30 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. David Holper reads from his book of poems *Language Lessons: A Linguistic Hejira*. Other poets reading include Jeff DeMark, Anne Fricke, Margot Genger, Therese Fitzmaurice and Ginny Kelly. \$10. jemima@humboldtarts.org. humboldtarts.org/special-events. (707) 442-0278 ext 205.

THEATER

Coming of Age. 7 p.m. Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. Comedic and poignant stories of loss, elder wisdom and what it means to grow old. For folks of all ages except children. \$12 to \$15 sliding scale.

Papaya Lounge: Et Cum Spiritu. 8-10 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See Jan. 25 listing.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in

the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldtgov.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

27 Saturday

BOOKS

Winter Book Sale. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friends of the Redwood Libraries, 1313 Third St., Eureka. See Jan. 26 listing.

DANCE

Ferndale Dance Academy On Broadway. 5-7 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. This lively show is appropriate for all ages with dancers and students. \$20, \$15 for ages 10 and under, free for ages 3 and under. learn2dance@ferndaledance.com. ferndaledance.com/show-info/. (707) 496-0805.

Punkercize. 10-11 a.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. A 50-minute free-form cardio-focused autonomous exercise class/dance party to punk rock. \$5-\$10. zuzkasabata.com/punkercize.

VaVaVoom Burlesque Vixens: Snowflakes and Sequins. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Warm up with a spicy burlesque revue. Doors at 7 p.m. (at the former NCRT building). 21 and up. \$25. vavavoomburlesque@gmail.com. ncrt.net.

MOVIES

Even Hell Has Its Heroes (2023). 7 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata. Documentary on drone metal pioneers EARTH, the "slowest metal band on Earth." \$8. info@miniplexevents.com. miniplex.ticketleap.com/even-hell/. (707) 630-5000.

Mortal Kombat (1995). 7-10 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 7 p.m. Movie at 8 p.m. Rated PG13. All ages. Based on the iconic video-game series. Three martial artists are summoned to a mysterious island to compete, deciding the fate of the world. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1056797462132146/. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Alash Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale. Masters of traditional Tuvan instruments as well as the art of throat singing. \$30, \$25 advance.

Cal Poly Humboldt Music Spring Welcome Concert. 8 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. An evening of classic and contemporary performances. \$15, \$5 children and CPH students with ID.

THEATER

Coming of Age. 2 p.m. Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. See Jan. 26 listing.

Papaya Lounge: Et Cum Spiritu. 8-10 p.m. Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See Jan. 25 listing.

EVENTS

Fieldbrook School Booster Club Rummage Sale. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Fieldbrook Elementary School, 4070 Field-

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brook Road. Clothing, housewares, furniture, games and toys, books and more. \$10 early bird entry, Free from 9:30 a.m. on. boosters@fbk8.org. facebook.com/events/s/?field=brook-school-booster-club/734762888596452/?mibextid=Gg3lNB.

Reuse Center. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Zero Waste Humboldt Reuse Center, Carlson Park Drive, Arcata. Pop-up for donating and selling hardware and gardening items, small furniture and more for cheap. Zero Waste Humboldt event to reduce waste. zerowastehumboldt.org/.

FOR KIDS

Tiempo de Cuentos/Spanish Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. Cultiven la alfabetización temprana en sus niños con cuentos, canciones, rimas y diversión. Todos son bienvenidos, diseñado para edades 2-6 años. Aproximadamente 20-30 minutos. Grow early literacy skills with stories, songs, rhymes and fun. All are welcome. Best suited for children 2-6 years old. Free/gratis.

FOOD

Pancake Breakfast. Fourth Saturday of every month, 8-11 a.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Serving pancakes or biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage (patties or links), coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice. \$10, \$5 seniors and kids ages 5-12, free for kids under 5. 501.humboldt.grange@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/6920540234689920. (707) 442-4890.

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo,

Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Rose Pruning Demonstration. 10 a.m. Pierson's Garden Center, 4100 Broadway, Eureka. Do you grow roses? Now is the time to prune. The Humboldt Rose Society's rosarians, master rose growers, explain and show how to correctly prune roses. Each nursery would appreciate, but does not require, a call so that adequate seating will be available. Free.

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Jan. 26 listing.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring binoculars and meet trip leader Michael Morris at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk trails, views of the bay and a diverse range of winter birds, including ducks, shorebirds, raptors, pelicans and cormorants. Free. rras.org.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leaders Gail Coonen and Renshin Bunce in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute,

rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh ecology. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Sequoia Park Ivy League. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sequoia Park, 3414 W St., Eureka. Drop into the park between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to help remove ivy. All supplies and training provided. Kid-friendly but kids need to be accompanied and managed by their guardian. Meet at Glatt and T streets. empowereureka.org/events/sequoia-park-ivy-league-2024-01-27-09-00. (707) 441-4080.

Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Restoration. Fourth Saturday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Bayshore Mall, 3300 Broadway, Eureka. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. Meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. Tools, gloves and packaged snacks provided. Please bring your own drinking water. Free. jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com. rras.org. (214) 605-7368.

SPORTS

Mortal Kombat: Video-Game Tournament. 3-7 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Video-game tournament on the big-screen. After the tournament stick around for a screening of Mortal Kombat (1995). \$10 entry-fee, two food/beverage item minimum for spectators. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1122898655366516/. (707) 613-3030.

ETC

Adult Skate Night. Last Saturday of every month, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. Ages 18 and older only. IDs checked at door. Alcohol and drug-free event. \$5.50 includes skate rental.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood

Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

28 Sunday

DANCE

Ferndale Dance Academy On Broadway. 2-4 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. See Jan. 27 listing.

MOVIES

The Dark Crystal (1982). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. A Gelfling embarks on a quest to find the missing shard of a magical crystal and restore order to his world. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/295197302990674/. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Chamber Players of the Redwoods. 2 p.m. Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E. 16th St. The Chamber Players of the Redwoods perform their first concert of the year with woodwinds, brass and recorders. Free, donations suggested.

THEATER

Coming of Age. 2 p.m. Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. See Jan. 26 listing.

EVENTS

Winter Sound Healing with Jen Madrone. 6-8 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. An evening of vibrational

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29 Monday

FOR KIDS

Science and Snacks Open House. 2-4 p.m. Trillium Charter School, 1464 Spear Ave., Arcata. School tours, science activities and snacks. Enrollment packets for TK through fifth grade will be available. Please RSVP. Free. info@trilliumcharter.org. trilliumcharter.weebly.com. (707) 822-4721.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

30 Tuesday

SPOKEN WORD

Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic. 6-9 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Sign up list goes up at 6 p.m., and the open mic kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Two rounds of open mic poetry and a featured poet. Everyone is welcome, especially new performers. LGBTQ+ friendly. Free. instagram.com/wordhum.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

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31 Wednesday

ART

Figure Drawing. 6-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Practice your artistic skills. \$5. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Star Trek 2 - Wrath of Khan (1982). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 6 p.m. Raffle at 7:15 p.m. Main feature at 7:20 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. Kirk must stop an old nemesis. \$5, \$9 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1282231449836229/. (707) 613-3030.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Jan. 26 listing.

1 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Jan. 25 listing.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. See Jan. 25 listing.

Heads Up ...

The Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is seeking applications for its

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Past Lives and Passengers

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With the joys and horrors of our most recent, apolitical global cataclysm rapidly diminishing beyond the remembering, we return to

some version of normal. Which is to say, many of the smaller, headier but nonetheless celebrated releases of 2023 are just now making their way to screens where country folk like ourselves can access them.

Not coincidentally, this year's Academy Awards nominees have been announced. And even though I care about the ceremony only marginally more than the NFL playoffs, the list itself is a noteworthy cultural document, a tacit invitation to reexamine the year just passed. So this will be the first of at least a couple hindsight editions, in which we'll pretend everybody hasn't already said everything about movies they saw months ago.

PAST LIVES. Much buzzed about (and now affirmed) as one of those little independent dramas that could, writer/director Celine Song's debut had a modest theatrical run last summer. It had been and continues to be received rather rapturously among critics and other nerds, but remains, I suspect, underseen by an audience that has become unaccustomed to such quiet, contemplative offerings.

Twelve-year-old overachiever Na Young (Moon Seung-ah), more than a little taken with her classmate Hae Sung (Leem Seung-min), wants to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Or at least that's a significant part of her personal rationalization of her family's move to Canada from Seoul: They don't give the Nobel to Koreans. And move she does, eventually to New York City where, 12 years later, she has become a playwright and renamed herself Nora (Greta Lee). Skyping with her mom, she half-jokingly looks up Hae Sung (Teo Yoo) on the internet and learns that he has been trying to find her. They re-establish their friendship, talking frequently online until Nora decides the friendship, with its delicious promise of something more, is too great a distraction. Another 12 years pass, Greta has married another writer, Arthur (John Magaro), and Hae Sung finally has the opportunity to visit New York.

Nothing untoward happens, but the

hours spent together allow an examination of choices made and missed opportunities, the stuff of adulthood. Nora and Hae Sung don't harbor regrets, exactly, but there will always be the unspoken idea that the possibility of a life lived together was taken away before it was truly offered.

Photographed by Shabier Kirchner (*Small Axe*, 2020) and edited by Keith Fraase (a number of Terence Malick pictures), *Past Lives* presents itself with a tactile self-assuredness one might expect from an old hand, rather than a newcomer. But Song obviously feels and sees more deeply than most, as evidenced by the care she takes with her words, her actors and her camera. She presents a story of lifetimes, told in little moments that speak to the unutterable ache of living. Lee is, of course, magnetically appealing, with Magaro a note-perfect participant in a chapter of life he can never fully understand. The real surprise, though, is Yoo, whose yearning and unfulfilled curiosity are brilliantly disguised behind gentility and decorum. This is Nora's story for the telling but Hae Sung tells it from his perspective with every charged sidelong glance. PG.105M. STREAMING.

PASSAGES. Not unlike *Past Lives*, Ira Sachs' (*Frankie*, 2019; *Love is Strange*, 2014) latest is about relationships, the comfort of the familiar set against the allure of the unknown. It is also about adulthood and emotional control, but unlike Song's version, *Passages* examines its subject through the lens of a would-be libertine, a man whose impulses would appear to be completely beyond him.

Tomas (Franz Rogowski), a film director of some apparent distinction, lives in Paris and is married to print-shop owner Martin (Ben Whishaw). At the wrap party for Tomas' latest project, Martin decides to retire early. Tomas, in turn, ends up going home with Agathe (Adèle Exarchopoulos), with whom he ostensibly falls in love. His dalliance precipitates predictable tumult, which, in attempting to rectify, he turns into greater strife for all parties. Agathe, an innocent in love with a would-be rogue in a state of arrested emotional adolescence, becomes a tragic pawn in Tomas' foolish attempts at rekindling with Martin, who cannot quite separate himself from a man



I just wanted to see you one more time.

Checking on the lettuce turning brown in my vegetable drawer. *Past Lives*

he loves, despite his best efforts.

Passages tells the story of the death of relationships, but with a tone that tempers the tragedy with humor and an acknowledgement of the intractability of certain entanglements. And there is a profound sadness in that: Maturity can mean the sacrifice of sacred notions and the letting go of loved ones who will join in the sacrifice. NR. 91M. STREAMING. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

AMERICAN FICTION. A Black novelist (Jeffrey Wright) finds publishing success with a book he's facetiously filled with the racist stereotypes and tropes he despises. R. 117M. MINOR.

ANYONE BUT YOU. Sydney Sweeney and Glen Powell try to make their exes jealous in a destination wedding rom-com. R. 103M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM. Jason Momoa dons his trunks for his last dip in the DC franchise. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE BEEKEEPER. Apiary actioner starring Jason Statham as a secret agent bent on revenge. R. 105M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE BOOK OF CLARENCE. LaKeith Stanfield stars as a man in 33 AD Jerusalem who's inspired to make a messiah of himself. PG13. 136M. BROADWAY.

THE BOY AND THE HERON. Hayao Miyazaki animated adventure about a boy who travels beyond the veil to see his mother. PG13. 125M. BROADWAY (DUB), MINOR.

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT. True-story drama about a university crew team headed for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. PG13. 124M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE CHOSEN. Season 4, episodes 1-3. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

FALLEN LEAVES. Finnish comedy drama about a stumbling romance hindered by happenstance in Helsinki. With subtitles. NR. 81M. MINOR.

FOUNDER'S DAY. A small-town election and tri-centennial are marred when a killer with a mask, a wig and a gavel goes on a rampage. R. 106M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

GODZILLA MINUS 1. The kaiju origin story goes back to its roots in postwar Japan for intense horror with emotional weight. In Japanese. PG13. 125M. BROADWAY.

I.S.S. War on Earth reaches the International Space Station, pitting astronauts against one another. R. 95M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MEAN GIRLS (2024). Tina Fey's iconic comedy about girl-on-girl violence gets an update. PG13. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MIGRATION. Animated duck adventure voiced by Elizabeth Banks, Awkwafina and Keegan-Michael Key. PG. 92M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

NIGHT SWIM. Pool's haunted, kids! PG13. 98M. MILL CREEK.

POOR THINGS. The life and times of a resurrected young woman (Emma Stone). With Willem Dafoe and Mark Ruffalo. R. 141M. MINOR.

TROLLS BAND TOGETHER. Animated musical sequel with a boy band plot and wow, good luck, accompanying parents and guardians. PG. 91M. BROADWAY.

THE WIZARD OF OZ (1939). And your little dog, too. G. 102M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

WONKA. Timothée Chalamet brings his bone structure to the candy man's origin story. With Hugh Grant in Oompa-Loompa mode. PG. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

ACROSS

1. Card pack

5. Jazz legend Davis

10. Galaxy addition?

13. Supporter

14. Kind of army or band

16. 2014 U.S. Women's Open champ Michelle

17. *Showroom sale item

19. Tax preparer's charge

20. There's no accounting for it

21. **"You'll do great!"

23. Indefinitely long period

24. Actress Taylor-Joy of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie"

25. Bar offerings

26. "Yes, ____" (improv principle)

28. Small child

30. Lay down the lawn

32. "Help wanted" listings

34. Capricious urge

37. Overinflate

41. **"All we need," per a 1988 Guns N' Roses ballad

44. "8 Seconds" venue

45. Make agitated

46. One of four on the New Zealand flag

47. Geese formation shape

49. ____ Soundsystem ("I Can Change" band)

51. He/____ pronouns

52. Not fully

55. Certain internet junk

58. Monopoly board abbr.

60. *Screen protector of sorts?

62. Amounts typically shown in red

65. Got away fast

66. Conclusion leading

to perseverance, or a hint to the last words of the starred answers?

68. Enmity

69. Tribute

70. Lower range

71. Like much of PinkNews's demographic

72. See 33-Down

73. Decelerate

your gas gauge

9. Mexican restaurant condiments

10. Horrible

11. Jigsaw unit

12. Looks up the answer, maybe

15. Org. for teachers or artists

18. "It's living ____-free in my head"

22. Crockpot scoopers, maybe

26. Partway open

27. ____ contendere (no contest plea)

29. Nighttime hunter

31. Kimono sash

33. With 72-Across, portrayer of Brian Hackett on "Wings"

35. Corp. debut

36. Word processing function for automating letters

38. Attentive

39. "Superfood" berry

40. Political period

42. Shoe end

43. "Waterfalls" group

48. Conditional deposit

50. Marcel Duchamp's movement

52. Parsley bit

53. Scarlett of "Gone With the Wind"

54. It doesn't grow on trees

56. "Fork it over!"

57. Take ____ at (guess)

59. The Venetian's site

61. Numerical suffix

63. One of the Jackson 5

64. Winter weather prediction

67. "Get ____ Ya-Ya's Out!" (Rolling Stones album)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/10/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/5/2024 at 11:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/12/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-6162-18 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Humboldt County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MATTHEW SCOTT, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH ST., EUREKA, CA 95501 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5794 STATE HIGHWAY 254, MIRANDA, CA 95553 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$319,392.73 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice

of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 116887-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 116887-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held,

the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-013)

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY UNDER THE California Self Service storage facility Act Bus& Prof Code sb21700-21716.

The undersigned will be sold at public sale by competitive bidding on the 2nd day of February at 11 am, on the premises where said property has been stored and which is located at 804 S. Fortuna Blvd, Fortuna, County of Humboldt, State of California. The following units will be sold for cash unless paid for by tenant prior to auction.
Brian Williams D210
Denise Bull D212
Jillaine Huggard D219
Lucia Mendez-Bonilla H102
Melinda Felty C221
Serena Carr C230
Kyle Gaidos C242
Mashawna Bruce C245
Adrienne Newby A205
Makayla Bluhm F229
Katie Alexander-Clark C204
Margaret Patteerson B227
Michael Caccavello B207
Cynthia Payne E107
Dillion Nelson C104
Ryan Kronengold B216
Franklin Wall C214

1/18, 1/25/2024 (24-018)

LEGALS?
442-1400 x314

**NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE
[CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]
TO DONALD DWAYNE STEELE AND LEONA MAE STEELE; AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST** in the following goods:
A 1970 mobilehome, Tradename: GWest, Decal No. H15024, Serial No. 0063XXU.
SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209, 7210(2) of the Commercial Code by **QSW, INC. dba TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA, a California corporation** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Donald Dwayne Steele and Leona Mae Steele, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, notice is hereby given said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2024 at 4980 Sierra Way, City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California 95521.** The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.
Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of at least \$2,177.00 from August 2, 2023, plus utilities and other charges due as of December 1, 2023 of at least \$385.08, plus estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$3,562.03. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$15.55 per day accruing on or after December 20, 2023, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after January 1, 2024, and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.
Please take further notice all bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within seventy-two (72) hours after the sale or disposition of the same. **THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION.** Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.
TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA
Dated: January 8, 2024, at San Jose, California BY: ANDREW J. DITLEYSEN

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2024; the City Council of the City of Fortuna adopted the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2024-766

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA ADDING CHAPTER 9.05 TO ARTICLE 9 OF the Fortuna Municipal Code to ADOPT SOCIAL HOST REGULATIONS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

SECOND READING PERFORMED AND ADOPTED on the 16th day of January, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Copies of the full Ordinance are available for public inspection and review in the office of the City Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna, California.

This notice is given in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California. This section allows a summary of the Ordinance to be printed.

Ashley Chambers, Deputy City Clerk
Posted: 1/25/2024

CR COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS FOR P.E. REPLACEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Redwoods Community College District, acting by and through its Governing Board, ("District") will receive sealed General Contractors Prequalification Applications for the **P.E. REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

The District will not open bids for the Project above from bidders who were not prequalified by the District's Prequalification team. Bid documents for the Project are expected to be released on or about March 6, 2024. In order to Prequalify to Bid, the Bidder shall return a fully completed Application on or before the deadline set forth in the Notice to Contractors. Proposal Documents (RFQ) are available at: College of the Redwoods 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501 Website: <https://www.redwoods.edu/businessoffice/Purchasing> The Bidder shall submit the complete Prequalification Application package in accordance with the information below:

College of the Redwoods
Attention: Julia Morrison - Vice President, Administrative Services
P.E. REPLACEMENT PROJECT
7351 Tompkins Hill Rd, Eureka, CA 95501
Or to Julia-Morrison@redwoods.edu

All Bidders on this Project must be Prequalified prior to submitting a Bid. Prequalification Applications are required to be submitted to the District **prior to 2:00PM, Wednesday, January 31, 2024**, on a clock designated by the District as the official clock. The District is not responsible for ANY DELAY on receipt of submittals through any common carrier or other means of transmission. Faxed submittals are NOT acceptable. Bidders deemed by the District as Prequalified to bid on this Project shall be notified within thirty-five (35) calendar days after the submission deadline for Prequalification Applications.

The District reserves the right to cancel this Prequalification in its entirety at any time, and to cancel this Prequalification and resolicit new Applications with revised evaluation and scoring criteria. The District also reserves its right to cancel this Prequalification process and Bid the project with competition open to all responsive and responsible Bidders if the District determines this is in its best interests. The District shall not be liable to the applicants for the applicants' cost of responding to the Prequalification nor for any other damages occasioned by such cancellation. If this Prequalification is canceled after the Prequalification Application due date, the Applications will be returned to the applicants and no scoring results will be published.

This is a project-specific prequalification. Successful prequalification for earlier projects with the District will not substitute for applying for this project. Annual CUPCAA Prequalification with the District also will not substitute for applying for this project.
Redwoods Community College District

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

Property will be sold via an online auction at www.StorageAuctions.com. Auction bidding will begin at 10:00 AM on February 9th, 2024 and will close at or after 1:00 PM on February 12th, 2024 at which time the auction will be completed and the high bidder will be determined. The property will be available for pick up where said property has

been stored and which is located at Airport Road Storage, LLC. 1000 Airport Road Fortuna, CA 95540 County of Humboldt, State of California. (707)725-1234

E53 Vicki Howard
F51 Karissa Mottern
B129 Kenneth Tucker
B174 Brooke Fortress
E61 Amanda Gossien
B84 Rachel Hope
E42 James Croskrey
F49 Christina Brass

Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between owner and obligated party. Please refer to www.StorageAuctions.com for all other terms and conditions governing the bidding and auction process.

1/25, 2/1/2024 (24-023)

CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2024; the City Council of the City of Fortuna adopted the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2024-765

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA Amending CHAPTER 8.16 OF the Fortuna Municipal Code to PROVIDE FOR REVISED NUISANCE REGULATION AND ABATEMENT AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

SECOND READING PERFORMED AND ADOPTED on the 16th day of January, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Copies of the full Ordinance are available for public inspection and review in the office of the City Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna, California. This notice is given in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California. This section allows a summary of the Ordinance to be printed.

Ashley Chambers, Deputy City Clerk
Posted: 1/25/2024



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DEL NORTE LIBRARY
ROOF REPLACEMENT AND SKYLIGHT REPAIR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Redwoods Community College District, of the County of Humboldt, State of California, is soliciting proposals for qualified vendors to replace the roof and repair the skylights of the Del Norte Campus Library, located in Crescent City, CA. Proposals are due on **February 22, 2024 at 2:00 PM PST**.

A Site walk will be conducted at the Del Norte Campus located at: Del Norte Education Center 883 W. Washington Blvd, Crescent City, CA 95531 on **February 6th, 2024 @ 1:30 pm**.

Proposal Documents (RFP) are available at: College of the Redwoods 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501, Website: <https://www.redwoods.edu/businessoffice/Purchasing> Inquiries may be directed to: Leslie Marshall, Director, Facilities and Planning, Email : leslie-marshall@redwoods.edu. PROPOSALS ARE DUE: No later than 2:00 PM PST on February 22, 2024. All proposals must be submitted electronically by email to Leslie-Marshall@redwoods.edu, or a thumb drive by mail to: College of the Redwoods, Attn: Leslie Marshall, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501.

Only proposals that are in strict conformance with the instructions included in the Request for Statements of Proposals will be considered.

REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00734

The following person is doing Business as
GREEN CERTS

Humboldt
2588 Pacific Ct
Arcata, CA 95521

Jenna L Bader
2588 Pacific Ct
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on October 2, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Jenna Bader, Owner
This December 22, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00741

The following person is doing Business as
G PEACH STUDIO

Humboldt
1494 Sharon Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Georgia Sack
1494 Sharon Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 29, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Georgia Sack, Owner
This December 29, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-021)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00017

The following person is doing Business as
D K MARKET

Humboldt
39 Wabash Ave
Eureka, CA 95501

R & R Investments Group LLC
CA 2023-57513535
849 Windward Dr
Rodeo, CA 94572

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 19, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Kewal S Randhawa, President/
Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-014)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00028

The following person is doing Business as
AZALEA ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK

Humboldt
2701 Chateau Way
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Rick Bryan
2701 Chateau Way
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 1, 2024 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Rick Bryan, Owner
This January 17, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-025)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids are invited by the Department of Public Works of Humboldt County, a public body, corporate and politic, for the performance of all the work and the furnishing of all the labor, materials, supplies, tools, and equipment for the following project:

CONSTRUCTION OF:
COURTHOUSE RE-ROOF COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT PROJECT NUMBER: 170245

Pursuant to the Contract Documents on file with the Department of Public Works of Humboldt County. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, **January 22, 2024** at the Humboldt County Courthouse, Conference Room A, 825 5th St., Eureka, California. Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications will be available on **January 9, 2024**.

Each Bid must be contained in a sealed envelope addressed as set forth in said Bid Documents, and delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 5th Street, Room III, Eureka, California at or before 2:00 P.M., Pacific Daylight Time, on **January 30, 2024**. Bid packages may be delivered via the following methods:

Mailoruseadeliveryservicetosendbidpackage to the Clerk of the Board at 8255thStreet, Room III, Eureka, CA.

Handdeliverbidpackage to the Clerk of the Board at 8255thStreet, Room III, Eureka, CA.

All Bids will be publicly opened and summary amounts read aloud. The officer whose duty it is to open the Bids will decide when the specified time for the opening of Bids has arrived.

Plans and Specifications and other Contract Document forms will be available for examination upon prior arrangement at the Department of Public Works, 1106 Second Street, Eureka, CA, 95501, Phone: (707) 445-7493. Plans will also be available at the Humboldt County Bid Opportunities website: <https://humboldt.gov/bids.aspx> and for viewing at area plan centers. Complete sets may be obtained via prior arrangement from Humboldt County Public Works. Complete sets may be obtained upon advanced payment of \$50.00 each, 100 % of which shall be refunded upon the return of such sets unmarked and in good condition within ten (10) days after the bids are opened. Checks should be made payable to County of Humboldt.

Each Bid shall be submitted on the forms furnished by the County within the Bid Documents. All forms must be completed.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by one of the following forms of Bidder's Security to with a certified check or a cashier's check payable to the County, U.S. Government Bonds, or a Bid Bond executed by an admitted insurer authorized to issue surety bonds in the State of California (in the form set forth in said Contract Documents). The Bidder's security shall be in the amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory faithful performance bond and a satisfactory payment bond in the forms set forth in said Bid Documents.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in any Bid. No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety

(90) calendar days subsequent to the opening of Bids without the consent of the County.

All Bidders will be required to certify that they are eligible to submit a Bid on this project and that they are not listed either (1) on the Controller General's List of Ineligible Bidders/Contractors, or (2) on the debarred list of the Labor Commissioner of the State of California.

The successful Bidder shall possess a valid Contractor's license in good standing, with a classification of "B" (General Building Contractor) at the time the contract is awarded.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all equal employment opportunity laws and regulations both at the time of award and throughout the duration of the Project.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to Section 1771.1(a) of the California Labor Code, a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in Sections 1770 et seq. of the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code. It is not a violation of Section 1771.1(a) for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The Contractor, and each subcontractor participating in the Project, shall be required to pay the prevailing wages as established by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, Phone: (415) 703-4780.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the fact that the work proposed herein to be done will be financed in whole or in part with State and County funds, and therefore all of the applicable State and County statutes, rulings and regulations will apply to such work.

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in accordance with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. (Government Code section 12900 et seq.)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public contractors' code, the Contractor may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payment, by entering into an Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits In Lieu of Retention.

DATED:
ATTEST:
By: Kathy Hayes
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Humboldt, State of California

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00736**
The following person is doing Business as
STYLES STUDIO

Humboldt
2869 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Jessica H Berg
2869 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Bobbi J Lewis
2869 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Bobbi Jo Lewis, General Partner
This December 26, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-022)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00018**
The following person is doing Business as
HENDERSON CENTER LAUNDROMAT

Humboldt
2938 E St
Eureka, CA 95501

6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95501

**Pacific Coast Laundromats LLC
CA 202359414143
6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 30, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Shelley Allen, Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-017)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00019**
The following person is doing Business as
SUMMER STREET LAUNDROMAT

Humboldt
1111 Summer St
Eureka, CA 95501

6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

**Pacific Coast Laundromats LLC
CA 202359414143
6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Shelley Allen, Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-016)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00020**
The following person is doing Business as
CUTTEN PLAZA LAUNDROMAT

Humboldt
4015 Walnut Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503

**Pacific Coast Laundromats LLC
CA 202359414143
6186 Younger Ln
Eureka, CA 95503**

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/s Shelley Allen, Managing Member
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-015)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00021**
The following person is doing Business as
RHIZOME WELLNESS COLLECTIVE

Humboldt
799 H St #1092
Arcata, CA 95521

**Rhizome Wellness Collective,
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Inc.
CA 5868522
822 G Street Ste 8
Arcata, CA 95521**

The business is conducted by a Corporation.
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/s Nicole Winters, Secretary
This January 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2024 (24-029)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00031**
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**Christine A Savio
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/s Christine Savio, Owner
This January 19, 2024
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
JULIAN WERLY
CASE NO. CV2302088
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501**

PETITION OF:
JULIAN WERLY
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
JULIAN TOBIAS WERLY
to Proposed Name
JULIAN TOBIAS GEORGE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 8, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 Room 4
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

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Date: January 4, 2024
Filed: January 4, 2024
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2024 (24-009)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
TRAVIS VEGA
CASE NO. CV2302087
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501**

PETITION OF:
TRAVIS VEGA
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
TRAVIS WAYNE VEGA SANCHEZ
to Proposed Name
MISTER VEGA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to

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Date: January 4, 2024
Filed: January 4, 2024
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2024 (24-011)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MARY LOU MORGAN
CASE NO. PR2400019**
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY LOU MORGAN, MARY L. MORGAN, MARY MORGAN
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner TRAVIS MORGAN
The petition for probate requests that TRAVIS MORGAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 22, 2024 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the dece-

dent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
James J. Aste
Law Office of James J. Aste
PO Box 307
Ferndale, CA 95536
(707) 786-4476
Filed: December 28, 2023
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2024 (24-031)

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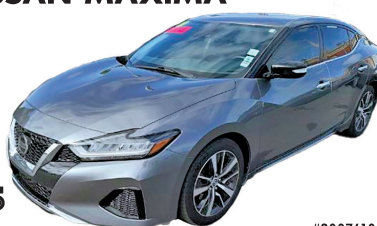


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1276 FERNWOOD DRIVE, MCKINLEYVILLE

\$405,000

Enjoy the cozy comfort and charm of this Pierson style 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home. Lovingly built and maintained, the home currently features carpet & linoleum floors, forced air & wood stove for heat, delightful sunroom, wood paneling, and exposed beams on the ceilings. Enjoy the spacious backyard with an oversized deck, garden shed, and raised garden space, perfect for outdoor gatherings. The low-maintenance front garden boasts a tasteful landscape of shrubs, succulents, and grasses. The property's meticulous upkeep reflects the care of a single owner, ensuring a seamless beginning for its soon-to-be Owner!



3123 BRANNAN MOUNTAIN
ROAD, WILLOW CREEK

\$419,000

±20 Acre mountain sanctuary! Enjoy the rural lifestyle from the comfort of the gorgeous 3 bed, 2.5 bath custom home with the convenience of PG&E power and a large wrap-around deck showcasing the stunning views. Property features a beautiful gardening area with raised beds, grape vines and an established orchard with 40+ fruit trees. Water is provided by a well as well as deeded rights to a spring. Detached 1 bedroom secondary unit for guests, caretaker, or rental income as well as a shop and several outbuildings, add value to this already spectacular property.



6099 FOREST ROUTE
6N06, WILLOW CREEK

\$729,000

Enjoy the rarity of a private sandy beach on the South Fork of the Trinity River on this ±69 acre property developed with sustainability in mind! Existing structures include a beautiful 2/1 home, yurt, open air community kitchen, and multiple shops. Large multi-acre flats leave plenty of space remaining to bring your vision to life! Bonus cannabis permits can be included in sale.

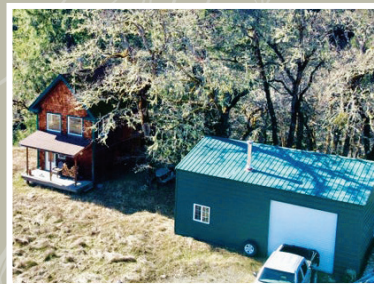


2150 KERLIN CREEK
ROAD, HYAMPOM

\$395,000

Primary Flat, ±160 Acre cannabis farm with a County permit for 39,100 sq. ft. of OD cultivation space. Infrastructure includes greenhouses, drying and processing facility, and storage sheds. Property includes two intricately

controlled garden sites with timers and gravity fed system drawing from an impressive 70k gallons of water storage. Abundant water supply sourced from a well and registered point of diversion from a year-round creek ensures consistent irrigation. With an elevation of 4,600 feet, this farm offers a unique microclimate with seasonal access. Whether you're an experienced cultivator or a visionary entrepreneur, this property sets the stage for success!

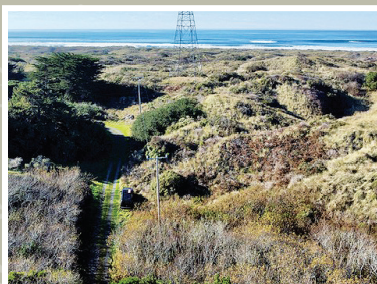


±51 ACRES HIDDEN VALLEY
ROAD, LARABEE VALLEY

\$485,000

±51 Acre homesteader's dream overlooking beautiful Larabee Valley! Property features a well-built and cozy cabin with a wood stove, a loft bedroom and quality workmanship and upgraded finishes throughout.

Water is plentiful with a well, catchment tanks, and registered water rights from the seasonal creek that flows through the property. Also includes a metal shop building with attached bathroom/laundry room and another well-built unfinished home/storage building with wood stove that would make another nice cabin. Bonus cannabis permit can be included in sale!



410 BEACH DRIVE,
MANILA

\$185,000

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of ten uninterrupted miles of public dunes and beaches. The parcel offers wild and wonderful open space with a dynamic and panoramic sky. The zoning is single family residential and will require a coastal development permit from the county. Seller has completed some of the necessary legwork and requirements. Owner may carry with 50% down.



1820 MULBERRY ST.,
MCKINLEYVILLE

\$490,000

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